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INDIANA CORN, SOYBEAN AND WHEAT PRODUCTION ALL UP FROM LAST YEAR

Based on conditions August 1, Indiana's 2006 corn production is forecast at 893.5 million bushels. If realized, this would be up 1 percent from the 888.6 million bushels produced in 2005. The expected yield of 167 bushels per acre is up 13 bushels from the 2005 yield per acre of 154 bushels per acre. The 5.35 million acres for harvest is 7 percent below the acreage harvested last year, but unchanged from the June estimate. As of August 6, corn condition was rated 68 percent good to excellent.

Soybean production is forecast at 278.3 million bushels, up 6 percent from the 263.6 million bushels produced in 2005. The expected yield of 49 bushels per acre is unchanged from last year. The acreage expected to be harvested for beans, at 5.68 million acres, is up 6 percent from 2005, but unchanged from the June estimate. As of August 6, soybean condition was rated 66 percent good to excellent.

Winter wheat production is forecast at 32.0 million bushels, up 3 percent from July 1 and up 31 percent from last year's level of 24.5 million bushels. The average yield is estimated at 71 bushels per acre. This average is 2 bushels per acre above the previous month's yield, and 1 bushel below last year's record yield of 72 bushels per acre. Area for harvest at 450,000 acres is unchanged from July's forecast, and up 32 percent from the previous year's acreage of 340,000.

U.S. corn production is forecast at 11.0 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last year and 7 percent below 2004. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 152.2 bushels per acre, up 4.3 bushels from last year. If realized, yield would be the second largest and production would be the third largest on record. Forecast yields across the Great Plains and western Corn Belt are at or below last year as scarce precipitation and above normal temperatures depleted soil moisture levels and caused crop conditions to decline. Expected yields are generally higher than last year in the eastern Corn Belt and Ohio Valley as frequent rainfall and near normal temperatures throughout much of the growing season helped maintain adequate soil moisture. The largest yield increase from last year is in Illinois where farmers expect to average 172 bushels per acre, 29 bushels above last year's drought-reduced yield. The largest yield decreases are expected in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and North Dakota.

National soybean production is forecast at 2.93 billion bushels, down 5 percent from 2005 and down 6 percent from 2004. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 39.6 bushels per acre, down 3.7 bushels from the record high U.S. yield set last year. Yields are lower than 2005 throughout the Great Plains, the western Corn Belt, and the Gulf Coast States, while yields are expected to remain unchanged or increase in the Ohio Valley, Arkansas, Missouri, and the Atlantic Coast States. Area for harvest, at 73.9 million acres, remains unchanged from June but is up 4 percent from 2005.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.28 billion bushels, up slightly from last month but 14 percent below 2005. Area harvested for grain totals 31.1 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 8 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is forecast at 41.2 bushels per acre, up 0.1 bushel from July 1.

Hard Red production is down fractionally from a month ago at 660 million bushels. Soft Red is up 1 percent from last month and now totals 380 million bushels. White production totals 243 million bushels, down 1 percent from last month. Of the White production total, 19.9 million bushels are Hard White and 223 million bushels are Soft White.

ACRES FOR HARVEST, YIELD AND PRODUCTION
INDIANA AND UNITED STATES: 2005 - 2006

Crop	Acres for Harvest			Yield Per Acre		Total Production			Unit
	2005	2006	06/05	2005	2006	2005	2006	06/05	
	Thousands		Percent				Thousands	Percent	
Indiana									
Corn for Grain	5,770	5,350	93	154	167	888,580	893,450	101	Bu
Soybeans	5,380	5,680	106	49	49	263,620	278,320	106	Bu
Winter Wheat	340	450	132	72	71	24,480	31,950	131	Bu
Alfalfa Hay	340	360	106	3.80	4.10	1,292	1,476	114	Tons
Other Hay	310	290	94	2.50	2.80	775	812	105	Tons
Apples	---	---	---	---	---	50,000	57,000	114	Lbs
United States									
Corn for Grain	75,107	72,091	96	147.9	152.2	11,112,072	10,975,740	99	Bu
Soybeans	71,361	73,935	104	43.3	39.6	3,086,432	2,927,634	95	Bu
Winter Wheat	33,794	31,108	92	44.4	41.2	1,499,129	1,283,134	86	Bu
Oats	1,823	1,907	105	63.0	56.3	114,878	107,423	94	Bu
Alfalfa Hay	22,389	22,407	100	3.38	3.18	75,771	71,205	94	Tons
Other Hay	39,260	40,290	103	1.91	1.77	74,819	71,121	95	Tons
Tobacco	298.1	334.5	112	2,171	2,228	647,278	745,294	115	Lbs
Apples	---	---	---	---	---	9,864,900	9,619,700	98	Lbs

SOURCE: USDA-NASS, Indiana Field Office